

**CITY OF SAINT PAUL
CENTRAL CORRIDOR DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY**

**Feedback from Open House 2
October 2006**

84 STRATEGIES FOR THE CORRIDOR

Panel 1: Strategies #1- #15

Re: #1 ADD- Bike on University and bike on LRT

RE: #3

-Forecast Public Art has a proposal for border between cities.

Re: #3

-Develop the bridge at 280 into an attractive green space that welcomes pedestrians (or even cars)

-Dist. 12 plan calls for this and other interesting ideas.

Re: #10

-A station at Pelham? Franklin/ University needed junction

Re: #34

-Public Art walk – bike Bridge at Griggs.

Re: Raymond Village/ Midway Industrial Area

-We need help figuring out transitional zones here.

On Pelham between Desnoyer Park and Raymond Village Park

-Pedestrian/ Bike connection uncomfortable

(On University)

The 16 stops too much or the 50 doesn't run long enough hours

(@ University/Pelham)

-Park and ride

(@ HWY 280/ University Ave.)

-This bridge needs attention/beautification

(Along Transfer Prior)

Connection to Amtrak.

Re: Midway Industrial Area south of University

-don't let garbage be burned here in the neighborhood

-district energy expansion? Greener energy for the neighborhood

-There is a school here. Connection to the University?

On Franklin near Berry

-Bike path to/from MPLS

On Pelham in reference to drawn in connection between Desnoyer park and Raymond Village Park

-Pedestrian/bike connection uncomfortable

Great brick buildings on University near Raymond—Keep, protect, and incorporate them into station design. More space available at Pelham-University intersection. TMO

CHECK- South St. Anthony Community Plan www.sapcc.org Plan on web submitted 2005 for consideration.

Improve pedestrian and bike connection from Desnoyer Park over I-94 bridge currently does not have sidewalks on both sides + could use bike striping. Not an inviting walk to University.

Space for bicycle along University is very important.

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Panel 2: Strategies #16- #39

Re: #27

-Potential open space to preserve, connect to green along Univ.

Re: #32

-What is the bike/ pedestrian connection from LRT to the new target on I-94?

(@ Fairview/ University)

-New MN workforce center-Needs green walkway from Fairview Station (north)

-Schools and Neighborhood need sidewalk and safe areas as area converts from manufacturing

(@ University/ Snelling)

-Make Snelling Univ. intersection transit, walking + biking friendly

-Parking meters must stay between Snelling and Fry. Retailers have to have it. Only parking they have.

-How might we reduce surface parking?

-If thinking 10-20 years out invest in underground parking now for beautification and increased density.

(Near Pascal and Marshall with arrow pointing south)

-walk to Selby

South East corner of University + Syndicate

-St. Paul Public School's new alternative high school @ 1212 University 2008

On Lexington Pkwy with arrow pointing north

-Connection to COMO Park

Near Syndicate St. and Edmund Ave.

-Locate Public Art on University

Marketplace needs to avoid Big Box.

COEN and Partners + Univ. United have started a design plan for Dickerman *[park]*

Improved biking north on Snelling all the way to Roseville

Pocket Parks “right on the Ave”? Provides green, play/rest space

Public Art walk-bike bridge at Griggs

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Panel 3: Strategies #40- #51

Re: #44 Corner of Dale and University

-multiple stories if possible

RE: #47

-The APCC (Asian Pacific Cultural Center) could be the crown jewel of the cultural heritage district

Re: #51

-Need Now!

Re: #51

-Don't preserve, Need now!

Re: # 51 @ Victoria St. north of University

-Need connection

Re: Greenspace / Open space Development north of University between Victoria and Chatsworth

-Wilder redevelopment

(NW of Wilder Redevelopment)

-Minnehaha Redevelopment

Re: University/ Grotto St.

-more stops are needed to make a Univ. to Selby connection

North of University on Avon St.

-David Lanegan's Corridor Studies

-Historic St. Paul preservation Initiatives

Near Sherburne Ave and Mackubia St.

-What about displacement?

Near Western and University

-What about Handicapped?

Near Mackubia and I94

NEW--#87 Public Art +

At park Greenspace south of University
NEW# 89

Corner of University/ Western Ave.

-Get public Art St. Paul –charette + Western COMO- See Gerald Christopher

South of University on Western Ave.

- (@ St. Anthony) Old grocery and p-lot could develop here.
- see Christine Podas- Larson public Art St. Paul
- (@ Marshall) Religious group will be moving lots of property in play

Area bounded by COMO Bike Trail, Western Ave., Dale St. and Van Buren Ave.

- bike
- Restored storefronts
- talk to port authority re Dale St. shops
- Connect to bikeway
- contact St Paul Bike Advisory
- Dale St. Shops Light Industry Port Authority

Near COMO Bike Trail and Marion St.

- Intl Market
- Asian Bazaar

Peirce Butler re-alignment?

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Panel 4: Strategies #52 - # 84

Re: #54

-Extend the bike path to Stillwater to the Capitol

Re: #59

- Make this parking lot part of Cass Gilbert Park
- This Cass Gilbert plan shows buildings in the outer hemisphere of CAP grounds.
(there was a plan sketch included which shows no buildings on the outer edge)
- Bike connection to Gateway trail.

Re: #71

-this should be called Central Station

RE: # 73 -4th Street Avenue of the Arts and Sciences

-Better branding name please

@ Rice and Lafond Ave.

-connect to redesign of Peirce Butler

@ Capitol

-Parking issues here!

From Robert to 35E
Connection to Phalen Blvd.

@14th Street Station

-Wheel squeal on turns! Lost time- slow, better alignment?

Downtown

-Downtown needs stores esp. a real grocery store and a real hardware store, not just a few 7-11's

International Marketplace @ COMO and Marion- Better connect to University Ave.

NEW--#85 Corner stores in Neighborhood

NEW--#86 Celebrate Bridges across I-94

NEW--#87 move N/S connections west of Snelling jobs

NEW--#88 move height and density west

NEW--#89 Western Park

WHAT NEW BUILDINGS SHOULD LOOK LIKE

Type 6 Urban Infill Blocks (completing existing neighborhoods)

Re: Map

-Search in here for more maybe (*there are areas circled by hand over drawing*)

Re: Bullet 4 Discourage auto-oriented uses by restricting facilities such as drive thru banking restaurants and service counters.

-Absolutely!

Don't forget the green spaces- making them accessible to the public and not just the residents of the buildings

Type 5 Full Depth Infill Sites (patching holes)

Re: map/ sketch of development with added extension

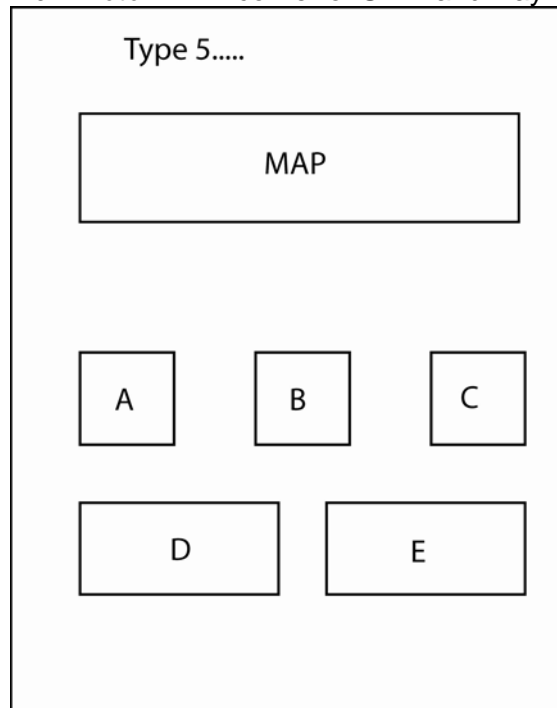
-Can we think about this??

-Do you have the St. Anthony Park Plan??

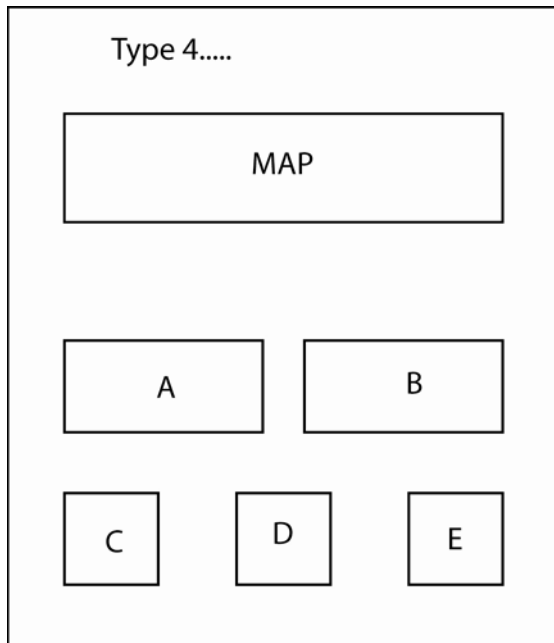
-It's on the website?

www.sapcc.org (sapcc= St. Anthony Community Council)

Re: Photo A- NE corner of Univ. and Raymond (US Bank Building)



Type 4 Half Depth Infill Sites



RE: photo A

- Everyone reacted positively !?!!
- Two-storey version?
- Four storey version
- Parking problem w/ zoning?

RE: photo B

- Include some examples with Public Art
- Nice patio- but new construction needs to require green roofs for sustainability goals, not just looks

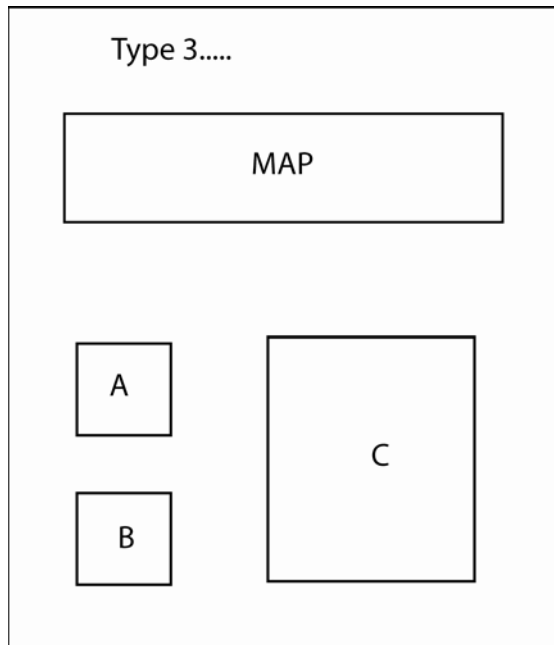
Re : photo D

- Great idea! More Euro-urban

Re: photo E

- very attractive for Pascal area north

Type 3 Larger Front and Back (re-claiming the strip)



Re: Photo A

-could be useable green roof

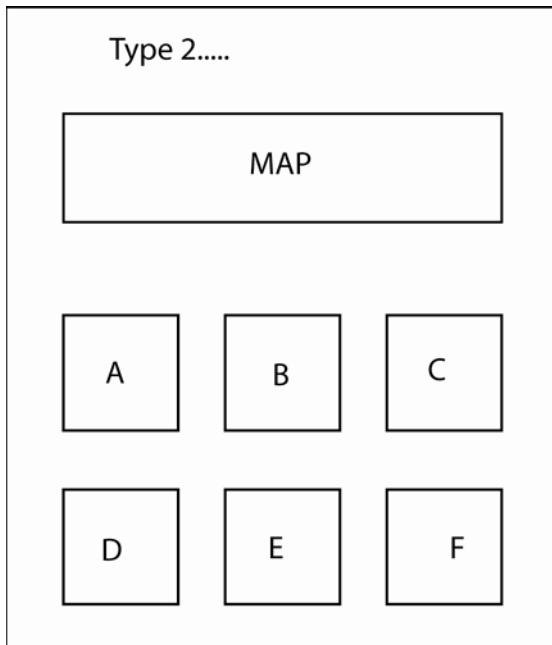
Re: Photo B

-Affordable housing

Re: Photo C

-Green roof (*written twice*)

Type 2 Market Intensification Sites (filling the voids)



RE: Photo A, B, D, E

-minimum signage is so pleasant

Re: photo B

-Looks too suburban or "faux urban"

- I agree

Re: photo E

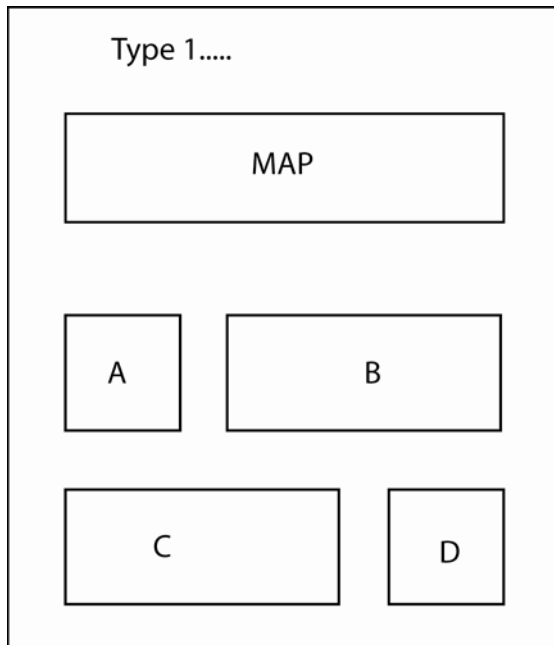
-Curves on building a relief

Include some examples with Public Art

Yes, more public art.

Type 1 Urban Villages

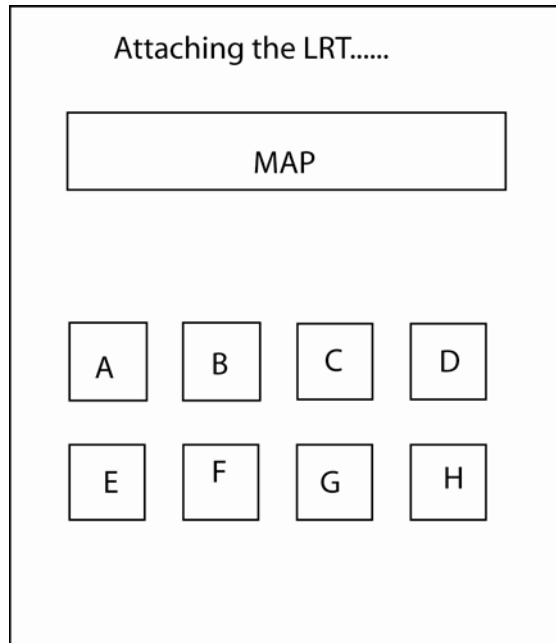
Include some examples with Public Art.



Re: Photo C

- too plain, too open, bad use of space
- include some examples with public art (again)

ATTACHING THE LRT TO ST. PAUL



Where are the Pedestrian and bike accommodation?

I would like to bike down University without risking my life.

I would also like to bike from St Paul to MPLS.

Re: Photo C

- Multi-stories don't create neighborhoods, create silos and fortresses
- Dense residential development is necessary for the sustainability of the city
- Multi-stories can offer options for those who can't (or don't) live in houses

Re: Photo D

- build in local "ownership" of public gathering spaces so that people take responsibility for using and "activating" those spaces- 4 seasons! For instance- music or movies in summer, mini ice rink in winter, snow time scavenger hunt.
- Green/ park spaces should be flexible and able to hold different activities.

Re: photo D

- Greening is way more than trees!

Low-Rise Neighborhoods (preserving and strengthening what is already there)

- Essential to healthy neighborhoods and healthy small business districts.
 - Great idea, much needed
 - Yes!! Tax incentives rehab?
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VISION, PRINCIPLES, OBJECTIVES & STRATEGIES

Vision- Principles

Housing needs its own #/ principle

- competitive forms of housing
- preservation
- new opportunities

Opps for life cycle in housing, full range of housing choice

RE principle #4

Improve people's mobility SAFELY throughout the community and the region.
(adjustment to the principle wording)

RE principle # 6

... and regular AND INTENTIONAL outreach and engagement OF ALL STAKEHOLDERS.
(Adjustment to the description of the principle)

Principles-Objectives-Strategies #1 and #2

Re: Principle #1

Re 1.3

What's included in this? Not apparent.

Principles #1 and #2 both have branding ideas, they should be connected.

RE: Principle #2

Develop partnerships with key community leaders and organizations

Re: "Community Benefits Zone"

-Where would the "zone" be?

Principles-Objectives-Strategies #3 and #4

Re: Principle #3

Re: Construction Mitigation Strategy

-Important coordinate with CDC's and NDC

Develop/ redevelop/ preserve small commercial spaces that are affordable to new entrepreneurs.

Re: Principle #4

-Traffic flow, 94 diversion rush hour?

-Parking has to be free and protect residential area

-places to park bikes

Principles-Objectives-Strategies #5 and #6

RE: Principle #5

Re: Sustainable Central Corridor Strategy

- Include accessible green roofs and gardens
- Excellent!

Re: 1000 trees

- Great goals

Re: Public Art Strategy

- Should include large public art works and small efforts that landowners can accomplish i.e. Chimney mosaics on Univ., planter mosaics on Snelling.

RE: Parking

- good specific target

WRITTEN COMMENTS SUBMITTED

- Most buildings, residential (multiple dwelling) & commercial are way too close to street, & too uniform. What about minor courtyards, or more green space in front of buildings.
- I would be interested in seeing renewable energy used in the corridor – solar powered lights, LED traffic lights, wind power, GEO thermal. I have heard rumor that RDF is being considered to supply energy to the LRT. I would be opposed to burning garbage in the middle of heavily populated neighborhoods due to the health impacts of dioxins & other types of pollution released. Storm water runoff of all the hard urban paved areas should be rate & quality controlled with permeable pavers, green roofs, and green spaces with xeri scoping. We should be a model of sustainability, petroleum may not be available in 20 years & we should be ready.
- Small businesses (mom & pop) such as the type on Grand Ave. have their buildings directly at the sidewalk. This feels comfortable and seems to be acceptable. Large buildings that house businesses that have limited entrances need to have some space from the sidewalk to give pedestrians & customers some breathing space A green space. Could be partially indoors for year round use.
- Minimal stops on University – over or under Snelling. Move the trains as fast as possible. A single loop around downtown makes sense, realize, expensive again minimal stops like the Xcel Center. Two Amtrak trains to Chicago. Then spend bucks on the Union Depot. I find great approval of the Hiawatha Line – may the Mpls – St Paul follow its model!
- My concern is the increase in property tax for property owners. I recommend that there be a cap on the property tax so owners can afford to remain in business in the impacted

area. I am available to discuss this idea further – I can be contacted at 651-775-7636 or via e-mail (illegible) – Choua Lee, Property Owner, Corner of Western & University Avenue